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# MITA TIPPED TO LEAD US AGAINST TOURISTS

## Goalies have their ups . . .



Triestina goalkeeper Gross flies high to make this spectacular save against Juventus at Olympic Park on Sunday. Juventus players are Frank Barbaza and Frank Donlevy. Triestina defender Gerden watches in the background.

## YOU'LL PAY 3/- FOR PARK SEAT

As from Saturday, May 2, you may be able to reserve a seat in the stand at Olympic Park.

The State League management committee on Monday recommended a charge of 3/- for seats in the Olympic Park stand for the rest of the season.

The proposal will be discussed by Olympic Park trustees tonight (Thursday) and it must have the ap-

## OUR SQUAD AT RINGWOOD

The Victorian squad under coach Vic Janczyk played an interesting trial against State League club, Wilhelminal at Jubilee Park, Ringwood, last night.

It was the first opportunity the Victorian Soccer public have had this season of seeing our representative side in action.

It is hoped that there will be many more trials before the all - important clash with South Australia next June.

## ...and downs!

Clutching the ball desperately in one arm George Cross goalie Norm Hobson takes a nose-dive in front of Polonia's Stefan Katolik at Olympic Park on Saturday.

Tickets will be on sale at the ground but it is hoped that all the leading sports stores will have them on sale within the next few weeks.

The additional cost has been approved by the Olympic Park committee.

The extra income will go to the Federation, who are likely to share it between State League clubs and the Junior Federation.

This is the first time the public have had an opportunity of reserving seats at Olympic Park for State League games.

A leading official said yesterday that it was also intended to arrange for fans to book their seats by letter through Soccer House.



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By MARTIN ASTON

**The big and burly Yugal centre half Mita Stojanovich appears certain to be the captain of Australia in the matches against Everton, if he behaves himself.**

Stojanovich was rated as a certainty to be captain until he was sent from the field in a match against Croatia weeks ago.

And the following day he played in a trial match, and tackled an opposing player so spitefully that he suffered a chipped bone in his ankle.

A leading official then had a quiet talk with Stojanovich and told him that if he wanted to lead Australia then he would have to set a better example.

Since then he has been on his best behavior.

In the following match Stojanovich gave one of the best "stopper" displays seen in Sydney for a long time when he inspired Yugal to end the unbeaten run of Apla with a 2-0 victory.

If he is not the captain, then it is likely to be another Sydney player, Les Scheinfogel, of Prague.

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And well you might ask that question.

But I have a feeling that Kelly would prefer to have Jurecki concentrate fully on trying to find a gap in the Everton defence rather than give him the extra responsibility of leadership.

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**This  
club's  
upset**

Melbourne - Hungaria Soccer Club are hopping mad . . .

They claim their recent protest about the result of their game with Alexander has not been heard.

A leading Melbourne-Hungaria official told Soccer News yesterday that they were protesting because Alexander's centre forward Spiridakakis played without a clearance.

Spiridakakis came from Greece to play for the newly promoted State League club, . . . Alexander beat Melbourne 3-2 at the Showgrounds on April 4.

The official said that the whole of the Melbourne Hungarian community were upset and felt that they were not getting a fair deal.

The club had sent letters to Messrs Beaton, Barclay, Clark and Marmaras protesting that the Federation had ignored their written protest.

The official said: "What's the good of us having players standing on the sidelines waiting for clearances when other clubs do as they like?"

What's good enough for one club is good enough for others."

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# FIFA will spend £50,000 on Soccer development

FIFA has decided to spend up to 500,000 Swiss francs (about £50,000) over the next four years in an effort to accelerate the world-wide development of Soccer.

## Two more join the Kelly gang

Two more Victorian players have been added to the Australian squad to meet Everton next month.

They are:

• Vera Mladenovic, the brilliant Footscray J.U.S.T. inside forward, and

• Billy Cook, the versatile Slavia half back who is at present playing centre half for the Australian Cup champion side.

In SOCCER NEWS' original forecast for the Australian squad, these two players were named.

We, like many fans, were surprised when Jim Kelly, the Australian selector, omitted these two players in his squad.

However, Kelly has now decided that he wants them and the announcement was made on Monday that they would train in Sydney this week with the full squad.

Some of this money will be used to extend and improve existing FIFA services, but most of it will be spent in grants to confederations and national associations.

Grants will be made available for these purposes:

- A national association unable to compete in a recognised youth or amateur tournament without some financial assistance may apply for grant to meet part of the travelling expenses of its team.

- A confederation which has incurred a deficit as a result of arranging a youth or amateur tournament is open to apply for a full or partial deficit grant.

- A confederation arranging a course for coaches, referees or trainers from the countries in membership with it may apply for aid.

- FIFA will cover the salary and expenses of any coach who, by request, tours the territory of a confederation or national association, but the confederation or national association concerned will be expected to meet the coach's living expenses throughout his visit.

- A confederation arranging for a coach or referee on one of its panels to tour countries under its aegis may apply for a grant to cover part of his traveling expenses.

- A confederation arranging a conference for the secretaries of its nation-

al association may apply for aid for travel and other expenses.

- A confederation wishing to develop and extend its work but unable to meet the cost of the necessary clerical assistance may apply for grant.

- A national association may apply for grant for equipment required for use at courses and during the official visits of its coaches to clubs, colleges and schools.

- A confederation arranging for a well-known team from some other part of the world to tour its territory may apply for a grant for travelling and administrative costs.

- FIFA will also produce new technical films, and member-countries will be informed of the films which can be purchased or hired.

- FIFA will arrange training courses for referees, giving each of a number of neighboring countries the opportunity to send one or two representatives.

- Selected coaches will be invited to attend a conference as a preliminary to forming a FIFA panel, the members of which will be available to undertake tours at the request of confederations.

## Les will play his very best

From MARTIN ASTON in Sydney

Prague inside left Les Scheinflug is determined to play the game of his life against South Coast on Sunday.

As revealed exclusively on page 1, Scheinflug has a chance of being appointed as captain of the Australian team for the matches against Everton.

The captain will be appointed by sole selector and coach Jim Kelly.

And he is the man who will be playing directly opposite Scheinflug in the match on Sunday.

Competition is fierce. Leader Prague have not beaten last year's grand final winner, South Coast, for two years, and they are determined to break through the hoodoo.

I would have no hesitation in predicting a South Coast victory if they could switch their clumsy goalkeeper, Wilf Billington for Prague star Ron Lord.

But this cannot be done, and that is why the winner of what could be a high-scoring match is so difficult to pick.

**BACKGROUND TO SOCCER**

Put out your hand, Sir!

Step forward Mr John van Hoboken, top Victorian official and put your hand!

I'm going to give you a sharp rap over knuckles.

In a letter to Soccer News last month you criticised one of our (NSW) officials, who dared to say your new Wilhelmina players, Win van der Grinten and Leo Bosklopper, were not good enough to play a first grade place in Sydney.

You said on that occasion that "only the coaching and the management of these two players can be blamed" if they did not reproduce the brand Soccer they played in Holland.

All I can say is that there must be something drastically wrong with the coaching and the management of your club Wilhelmina if a recent report Soccer News is correct.

It said that "van der Gaag was far too slow a State League team and looked overweight," that Bosklopper "was not sighted at all again."

This is surprising because the only thing which van der Gaag was noted when he played Sydney was his tremendous speed.

Soccer News said that the two players appeared to have left their Sydney form over the border.

On the contrary.

They have taken it with them! This is not meant to be an attack on either van der Gaag or Bosklopper because they proved to be two of the most popular players in the game when they were in Sydney.

But the truth the matter is that Mr Van Hoboken appears to have "burnt his fingers" in buying the Do you think that clubs such as Hakoah a Pan-Hellenic would have agreed to let them go they were still top players?

The defence of the NSW team to play Everett in the opening match of the tour on May 2 itself.

But the selectors are having difficulty in deciding what the forward line will be.

Prague star Ron Lord is certain to be the keeper and the full backs are expected to be recently arrived Pat Woods (South Coast) and Stuart Sherwin (Prague).

Former Victorian player Fred Falzon has favored with favor with the selectors.

The full back line appears certain to be comprised of three Australian squad players, Pat Wong (Apia), Mita Stojanovich (Yugal) and Les Scheinflug (Prague).

The right winger is certain to be Australian squad reject Roy Blitz (Prague) and the centre forward will be the controversial Hakoah player Les Battingham.

And it is expected that one of the inside forwards will be South Coast star Graham Barnett.

He is just the player to carry out the "feint and carry" work, which will have to be done by our team is to have any chance of giving Everett a run for their money.

There is one school of thought which is of the opinion that Barnett should play inside-right because he combined well with Blitz in the interstate series last year.

But another is that Blitz would be more effective if paired with his Prague inside forward partner Brian Tristram.

That is why Barnett could play at inside-left.

In that case the selectors would have to decide whether to use Prague's former Argentine star Luis Ganto or Apia's Malayan player Johnny Wong as the left winger.

But I would prefer to see them use Wong the inside forward partner for Ganto and pick Barnett at inside-right, ahead of goal chaser Tristram.

MARTIN ASTON.

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## Fernie gets a hat-trick

From MARTIN ASTON in Sydney

Former Victorian star Jim Fernie showed that he could develop into our top goal scorer when he scored a "hat trick" against Bankstown last Saturday.

His effort inspired Pan-Hellenic to score a 5-1 win. Fernie is a central forward of the "old school". He is tough and determined,

Pan-Hellenic are playing so well at the moment that they must be given a chance of beating any team in the competition.

They combine speed with determination and keep the ball moving with long passes.

Pan-Hellenic now have won four matches in a row since their coach "Uncle Joe" Vlasits was sacked and replaced by Frank Hearn.

Prague moved to a one-point lead in the competition when they scored a 3-1 win over an Apia team which was badly weakened due to injuries.

But they were well below top form, and will have

to improve if they are to beat South Coast on Sunday.

### NSW RESULTS

Prague 3 (R. Blitz, F. Bottalico own goal, L. Scheinflug) beat Apia 1 (J. Wong).

Corinthian 6 (L. Bennett, P. V. Ireland 2, S. Hart, P. Barnes) beat Yugal 1.

Hakoah 2 (B. Gold, H. Ninlaus) drew with Cumberland United 2 (S. Turner, J. Richardson).

Pan-Hellenic 5 (J. Fernie 3, D. Gargale, D. Logani) beat Bankstown 1 (W. Hume).

South Coast 5 (J. Doherty 2, G. Barnett 2, W. Perry) beat Canterbury 0.

Croatia 1 (L. Schauman) drew with Budapest - St. George 1 (J. Galambos).

In the Saturday matches Croatia should be too good for Bankstown and Cumberland United should pick up two points at the expense of "wooden spooner" Canterbury - Marrickville.

Even at this early stage of the season Canterbury appear certain to be one of the three first division teams who will be relegated at the end of the year.

got it back many times over when he earned more than £1500 from his bout against Jimenez.

Gattellari showed quite a lot of ability as a schoolboy boxer player, but gave up the game because of the risk of an injury which might ruin his boxing career.

Soccer fans should along and give him their support on Friday night.

He will not let you down!

## Back this soccer fan

From MARTIN ASTON in Sydney

Here is a special tip for Soccer News readers.

Take any price you can get about our fiery and aggressive Australian flying champion Rocky Gattellari scoring a knock-out over American boxer Ray Perez in Melbourne.

Gattellari was not well when he fought Perez in Sydney at the end of last year, but he still managed to win on points.

But he is right at the top of his form at the moment. Gattellari showed that he is right up in world class

As a matter of fact I won "two bob" from Rocky when Yugal caused an upset by winning 2-0.

But the following night he

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JIM COOK LOOKS AT THE STATE LEAGUE

# THERE'S FAINT HOPE FOR ALEXANDER

Where there's fight there's hope, but a faint hope indeed for Alexander, against a Polonia side that has already made a big impact this season.

Alexander's main qualities, first time tackling and strong in possession of the ball, may upset Polonia in the initial stages, and Michaelidis and Spiridakakis are their key outfield players.

In this Olympic Park game class is likely to tell as the match progresses, with only one result in my book — a win for Polonia.

## S.M.-HELLAS v JUVENTUS

Neither has impressed so far as aspirants for the championship.

Hellas were lucky against Hakoah, while the slow moving Juventus served up a poor display against Triestina.

With defences on par, the points may go to the slicker Hellas, who have a more dangerous attack.

## GEORGE CROSS v WILHELMINA

Without Hodgson and Gibb, George Cross are finding it hard going. But odd goal defeats against J.U.S.T. and Polonia suggest they are on the way back.

If they can curtail playing players out of position they might make further improvement.

Wilhelmina put up a gallant show against J.U.S.T. and if they can capitalise on their sound mid-field play, this may be a close result.

## HAKOAH v MELBOURNE

One of the unluckiest sides in the League, Hakoah are a better team than their placing indicates.

They have, however, a keeper and wing problems.

Melbourne struggled to their first points last week, and in attack solely relied

on the roving sharp shooting Malloy.

Hakoah should register their first League win.

## LIONS v SLAVIA

Playing on their new ground, Lions will go all-out to impress the fans and also the district.

But even with John Hemmerling and Bobby McLachlan, both ex-Slavia, the Lions will have a big struggle.

Slavia's team work and class is vastly superior but the Port side could be in trouble if they persist in poor finishing.

## J.U.S.T. v TRIESTINA

With five points and in fifth position, Triestina look a threat to J.U.S.T.

But while not detracting from Triestina's capable effort so far, I feel they will be on the receiving end against J.U.S.T.

All-round superiority and class are bound to tell and J.U.S.T. should romp home with a clean-cut victory.



## Tommy can't take a trick

It's a good thing that Hellas half back Tommy Anderson isn't a card player, because in the past fortnight he hasn't taken a trick . . .

He's been in and out of trouble all the time.

He's certainly one of the unluckiest players in State League.

• A fortnight ago he was named in the Australian squad for Everton and two days later he injured a leg.

• Last Saturday he was out with a friend and was involved in a car accident in St. Kilda Rd. As a result he had four stitches in his head.

But despite the injury, he went to Sydney with other Victorians to train with Jim

Vince Muscat, George Cross, and Eddie Jankowski, Polonia, are in almost perfect rhythm as they tussle for the ball at Olympic Park on Saturday. Polonia won a good game 2-1 and retain their place at the top of the State League ladder.

## Hopeful Hellas

By JIM EFSTRATIADIS

Even the most optimistic Hellas supporters wouldn't have dreamt of their club being in fourth position in the same number of rounds played, and after the rather humiliating first round defeat by Slavia.

It's not an unimportant thing for a club to be among the top company when most clubs have this season spent large amounts of money for improvements and team building.

No doubt some new measures were adopted by the recently elected committee, measures that have already paid off and are constantly paving the way for better things to come.

This new committee's first big achievement was the establishment of good relations with the players, whose spirits are now very high.

"It will be only to my financial advantage if I play well this season," full back Jim Mantarakis told me recently. "Nothing will stop Hellas this year," was Pa-

poulos' comment.

Surely enough the same

players were in the team

last season too, but what was their attitude then?

After only a few weeks in the office, Hellas have already organised one social function for its players.

On the other hand, the technical problems were tackled with good sense.

Mr. Curran's appointment was proved successful and saved the club many pounds.

A new financial program has been arranged and special attention is at last — being given to the juniors.

All these are healthy signs that the new committee are sparing no effort for the re-birth of Hellas.

Don't you believe it?

Well wait and see!

## Soccer rhythm

# Stenhouse may miss Saturday

Hakoah centre forward Alan Stenhouse's facial injury isn't as serious as was thought, at Middle Park on Saturday.

Alan was kicked in the face during a goalmouth scramble and had to be taken to hospital with a suspected fractured cheekbone.

He was kept in hospital for some time on Saturday night under observation.

Following a series of X-rays Alan was released with severe bruising to the cheekbones.

Fred Hutchison, team manager, said yesterday it would be a surprise if Alan fit enough to play against Melbourne at Middle Park on Saturday.

Stenhouse was knocked out in the goalmouth in the second half. He was out cold for several minutes and officials treated him on the sidelines before taking him to hospital.

Stenhouse is only one of five Hakoah players to be carrying injuries.

Captain Gerry Chaldi went off at half-time last week with a groin injury. He should be fit this week.

Right winger Bela Biro pulled a thigh muscle, and must be considered doubtful.

Before last Saturday's game Hakoah officials put both their injured goalkeepers through a test to find who was the fittest.

## Sth Africa

### Iures Kerr

Jim Kerr, a former Clyde (Scotland) inside right, was due to join Hakoah (Melbourne) this week, but he changed his mind and went to South Africa.

Kerr was to have joined the Middle Park club with newcomer McIver.

Hakoah sponsored Kerr to Australia as a migrant but it appears a club in South Africa made him a better offer, so he decided to visit the land of the Springboks instead.

Hakoah's loss is South Africa's gain.

## European Cup

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## STATE LEAGUE

Next weekend's State League games — OLYMPIC PARK (Saturday) — Alexander v Polonia.

OLYMPIC PARK (Sunday) — Makedonia v Dandenong, 1 p.m.; Juventus v S.M.-Hellas, 2.45 p.m.

MIDDLE PARK — Hakoah v Melbourne. FOOTSCRAY (Shintler Reserve) — J.U.S.T. v Triestina.

ELSTERNWICK PARK — George Cross v Wilhelmina.

GARDINER — Lions v Slavia.

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# SOCER NEWS

## our clearances

How long will former Aston Villa captain Peter Aldis have to sit it out on the sidelines before he gets a game?

Aldis was brought out from England by Slavia last February, and ever since his arrival he has been paid by the club.

But so far, because of a technical hitch regarding his clearance, he has not kicked a ball for the Port Melbourne side.

Something is wrong with the FIFA set-up, according to Slavia officials.

They claim that a cable from England clearly states that Aldis is free, and that his last club have cleared him to play here, but the Australian Federation will not accept the cable and want confirmation in writing.

Fans will wonder whether we really live in an atomic age when they learn of such a poor way of doing business.

Surely there must be a more speedy and efficient way of clearing a player?

After all, if something isn't done soon, Aldis may still be sitting on the sidelines for the next Ampol Cup Series.

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When a British player charged a goalie in a recent State League match it nearly sparked off a riot. The law clearly states that a goalkeeper may be charged if he is holding the ball. British players follow this rule, Continental players do not. And Victorian referees apparently won't allow a player to charge a goalie. FRED VILLIERS this week spoke to players on this controversial rule . . .

# Charge! ... But not at the goalie!

British Soccer players in Melbourne are indignant over the treatment they get from some referees when they charge the goalie.

They claim that the ref. is not playing the game according to the Rules.

The rule regarding the charge states; in effect: " . . . a goalkeeper may not be charged unless he is:

- (a) holding the ball;
- (b) is obstructing an opponent;
- (c) has passed outside his goal area."

In a recent match of Middle Park, a referee blew his whistle when an attacking forward charged the goalie who had the ball.

The forward was a British player and so was the goalie. Both realised it was legitimate and were amazed at the Ref's ruling.

This week I spoke with one of our top goalies, Norm Hobson, of George Cross, and Tommy Anderson, St. Melbourne-Hellas forward, to get their views on the question of charging the goalie who is in possession of the ball.

This is how the conversation went—

HOBSON: The few players who do charge the goalie don't know how to charge properly.

ANDERSON: What about the English lads?"

HOBSON: Yes, they are OK, but it's the Continental players who don't know the rule. They either charge with the feet or the back."

ANDERSON: You don't object to the charge then?"

HOBSON: "No."

ANDERSON: "If a goalie grabs the ball and stands on the line, he's only asking for trouble. He should get rid of it. I don't see why a goalie should be any different to any other player. Sometimes a goalie comes off best in a shoulder charge, especially if he's well built."

"I have a go if there's a chance on the goal line, but if he's on the penalty line then there's no point in charging. Whenever you go near a goalie here in Victoria, the referee blows his whistle. Apparently in central Europe the rule is different and most of our Continental referees abide by it. There, it is an offence to charge the goalie, but this is not according to FIFA rules."

Anderson said that he didn't tackle a goalie now because he realised he was wasting his time.

"In British Soccer, which is the best League Soccer in the world, goalies expect to be charged and a good goalie never gets caught."

A good example of a top forward who takes advantage of every opportunity is Nat Lofthouse, of Bolton Wanderers.

"He made a brilliant goal through a charge of the goalie in the 1958 FA Cup final against Manchester United. He opened the scoring by putting both the United keeper, Irish international Harry Gregg, and the ball into the back of the net."

"Also, the year before, when United were in the Cup final, again the deciding goal was scored in a charge

## YOUR LETTERS TO US

SIR,—Now we are a member of FIFA again, the interest in Soccer will be much more than in previous years. Soccer in Australia is getting up in standard and many more people are investing their pennies and shillings every week. In the past we have had a very good Press from Soccer News. More than 100,000 punters every week are playing the Soccer pools in Australia. In about four weeks' time the pools will be conducted on the Australian Soccer. Would you kindly publish the League Ladders from NSW, Queensland, West Australia, South Australia,

Victoria, and how they day night. These teams finished last season.—M. A. VAN A., St. Albans.

(Results and ladders from other States will be published each week.—Editor.)

SIR,—One reason for the interest in Australian Rules football is the glamor attached to playing for a top team. The selectors meet on Thursday night and pick the teams after training. On this night special programs are broadcast on radio and television to announce the teams, and in Friday's papers — both morning and evening — they are published together with expert comments. The public becomes closely acquainted with the stars, and an almost fanatical loyalty for one's team is developed in this way.

In Soccer, on the other hand, teams are often known only minutes before the game. Soccer is losing supporters to football because of the lax attitude adopted by officials.

My suggestion is that the Federation should make it compulsory for clubs to select their teams on Thurs-

to the goalie by Aston Villa winger, Peter McParland.

If we watch this year's Cup final on TV, we'll see a clever example of the English bustling centre, Alex Dawson attacking the West Ham United goalkeeper, Stenden."

Hobson said that any goalie who appreciated the responsibilities of concentration of play for 90 minutes would gladly accept bustling, aggressive tactics of opposing forwards.

This keeps the goalie alert for the whole game and keeps him right on the ball.

"It appears that the goalie in Australia is wrapped in cotton wool, and is allowed to walk the ball around his goal area with very little opposition."

"There is nothing in the rules to say that one man in the team is allowed to play Soccer under the full protection of the Continental influence of the referee."

I asked Norm if he liked being charged, he said it was all in the game. But one thing he didn't like was being charged when his back was turned.

"And this often happens," he said. Anderson emphasised that he did not think the standard of refereeing in Victoria was bad. In fact, he said the refs were doing a good job here, but some had different interpretations of the rule of charging the goalie.

## HOW TO FALL OUT WITH THE PRESS . . .

A JIM COOK Soccer comment

Many State League clubs complain about lack of newspaper publicity — but what are many doing to help themselves?

It's 1964 and very few of our clubs have either a simple Press box or a telephone at their grounds — an obvious handicap and disadvantage to both clubs and Soccer writers.

This is an "old sore." It's been with us for years and for some unaccountable reason only a few clubs have bothered to provide these facilities and simple amenities which are so necessary for the advancement of the game.

The lack of a club telephone is even a bigger handicap. Running around back streets before kick-off time to get the teams through and again at half time and full time with copy causes undue delay and restricted coverage. This can have a detrimental

effect on publicity for clubs.

But the onus lies on these clubs themselves. Providing these facilities will undoubtedly improve relations between club and Press.

One more complaint — we have clubs who consistently hold back their team selections until seconds before the kick-off.

This delay often means a reporter misses out on the opening phases of the match while he is away phoning the teams through to the newspaper office.

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Albion aims high

By PETER ROBBINS  
New Fourth Division team Albion Rovers plan to enter the State League in 1968.

In an attempt to succeed with their ambitions they are negotiating the transfer from former State League team Richmond a brilliant centre half John Berry.

Berry played with Richmond last year and before this was regular centre half for Slavia, an Scotland in the World Cup competition.

Albion Rovers hope soon to announce their appointment as captain-coach.

They have also signed Oliver and C. Renni, two former Sunshine City players, and have signed A. Galea on permit from Liberties.

And they hope to announce other important signings within the next few weeks.

The Albion club has a sentimental connection with Scottish club of the same name.

The club is at the moment in the early stages of securing a private ground for its use next year.

# Unlucky Hakoah

## POST MORTEM

Hakoah must be the unluckiest side in the State League. Every week they look set for a win and at the last minute the tides of fortune turn against them and snatch victory from their grasp.

Last week against Hellas was no exception.

Despite losing three players in the second half, through injury — Chaldi, Biro, and Stenhouse — Hakoah had a commanding 2-1 lead over Hellas with only five minutes to go.

Then Jimmy Pyrgolios, who had played a shocker all day, turned almost certain defeat for Hellas to victory when he headed home another.

Weakness in Hellas' play was the wing halves, who were inclined to wander out of position.

**GOALSCORERS — HELLAS:** Pyrgolios 2, Adam; HAKOAH: Biro, Stenhouse.

## Triestina 1, Juventus 0

It was a shocking game from a spectator's view point, hardly worthy of Sunday billing at Olympic Park.

Only brightness in a dull 90 minutes was the performance of Triestina's inside left Gow. This player could develop into one of Victoria's top forwards with a little more encouragement.

Juventus were over-confident and can only blame themselves for their defeat.

**GOALSCORERS — TRIESTINA:** Cernie.

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## Adam, Grosz leap ahead in SN Cup

Jimmy Adam, S.M.-Hellas winger, and Triestina goalkeeper Grosz are neck and neck with nine votes in voting for the Soccer News Best and Fairest Cup.

They are three ahead of their nearest rival, Spirididakis, of Alexander.

Both Adam and Grosz received three votes for their match-winning displays at the weekend.

Others to move up in vot-

ing were Latta (Hakoah) Mladenovic and Stankovic (J.U.S.T.) and Jurecki (Polonia).

### Saturday's votes

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. S.M.-HELLAS v HAKOAH     | 2. Michaelidis (Alexander)  |
| 3. Adam (S.M.-Hellas)       | 1. Service (Alexander)  |
| 4. Latta (Hakoah)           | TRIESTINA v JUVENTUS  |
| 5. Mantorakes (S.M.-Hellas) | 3. Grosz (Triestina)  |
| 6. Wilhelmina (J.U.S.T.)    | 2. Gov (Triestina)  |
| 7. Mladenovic (J.U.S.T.)    | 1. Donlevy (Juventus)   |
| 8. Norris (Wilhelmina)      |   |
| 9. George Cross (Polonia)   |   |
| 10. Campbell (George Cross) | <b>PROGRESS</b>   |
| 11. Dudon (Polonia)         | 9—Adam (Hellas), Grosz (Triest).  |
| 12. Melbourne v LIONS       | 6—Spirididakis (Alex).  |
| 13. Molloy (Melbourne)      | 5—Lotto (Hok), Mladenovic, Stankovic (J.U.S.T.), Jurecki (Pol.).  |
| 14. Hoos (Melbourne)        | 4—Michaelidis (Alex), Chalof (Hok), Micic (J.U.S.T.), Donlevy (Juv), Auchie (Slov), Norris (Wil).   |
| 15. F. Marth (Lions)        | 3—Petrides (Alex), Rice (J.U.S.T.), Oxtan (Juv), Kleintert (Lions), Melley (Melb), Dudon, Kowalec, Zientara (Pol), Meechan, McDonagh, Sanchez (Slov), Staffels (Wil). |
| 16. Slavia v ALEXANDER      |   |
| 17. Auchie (Slovia)         |   |

## BOX HILL STEP UP

Box Hill Soccer Club believe they have the best cubrooms in first division Soccer. And they thank star right back Tommy white, 31, for their rooms. Tommy, a carpenter by trade, has worked throughout the summer months and on Saturday mornings and Sundays to line and extend the dressing rooms and put down polished floors and concealed lighting in the club rooms.

Box Hill have also installed new toilet blocks and have improved the playing surface of their ground.

Fifteen-year-old star inside left at Box Hill, Jimmy McMinimie, has had a hurried move into the first team. He came from Scotland last year and joined Box Hill's Under-16 team before graduating to their Under-18 side.

This season he played the first three matches in the reserves before being selected for the top side. On last Saturday's performance he will remain in the first team for good.

Also to star was 17-year-old Tommy Flynn, who also played the first three games this season in the reserves before being promoted. He also played well last Saturday.

## Wilhelmina 2, J.U.S.T. 3

Wilhelmina played the game of their lives. They could have won this had they not been hit with injuries during play. It was good value for the large crowd.

J.U.S.T. did not enjoy the best of play. Frank Micic, J.U.S.T. captain, had his name taken by the referee for arguing. Norris (Wilhelmina) also was "booked" after fouling Dixon.

A thrilling game, one of the best we've seen at Ringwood this year. With more luck Wilhelmina would have won. — MARTYN HARRIS.

**GOALSCORERS — WILHELMINA:** Steele, Norris (J.U.S.T.); Mladenovic 2, Blue.

## Slavia 1, Alexander 0

Slavia can thank the sun for two points, and I'm not kidding.

Service, blinded, missed a Meechan header following on Auchie free soon after half time.

Slavia's superior outfield play was balked by Alexander's quick tackling.

Both sides missed many chances through erratic shooting.

Auchie and Harper for Slavia and Michaelidis and Service stood out.

Referee Stafraze handled well.

**GOALSCORER — SLAVIA:** Meechan.

— JIM COOK.

## An investment in the future

Did you notice the news item in this newspaper last week about juniors? It spells one word — PROGRESS.

To cope with the growing demand for junior Soccer in Victoria two Federations have been formed this year — North and South of the Yarra.

Last Saturday our juniors kicked off their winter season and from opening games it is obvious that more and more officials will have to be recruited if the promotion is to continue next season.

Secretary Don Joiner claims there will be a 50 per cent increase in playing strength next year — but the question is where will the men come from to coach and manage these boys?

How long can Soccer survive in Australia?

Many have asked this question, but few have tried to answer it.

Soccer can survive only as long as there are up and coming juniors.

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Received a letter this week from Three Pommies, of Altona, who want to settle an argument. They want to know whose home ground is Hampden Park in Scotland. The answer: Queens Park, the only amateur club in Britain playing in a senior professional league — the Scottish Second Division.

Latest movements in the Slovia camp . . . Brian Birch, former Manchester United player and a fully qualified FA coach, has taken over from John Hemmerling as coach. Peter Aldis has been made assistant manager, with full power. John Oliphant is still team manager.

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# Two more wins for the 'Big 2'

By PETER ROBBINS

The two big teams to beat in the First Division are Macedonia and Croatia and it looks as if they'll continue their winning runs next week.

## The brothers Australian!

Second division side Prahran, fifth on the ladder with two wins, think they have created a second division record by playing three Australian-born brothers in their first team. The brothers are Ron Seedy (goal), Colin (centre half) and teenager Malcolm (on the forward line).

Long-time Prahran player Jacky Smith will be married in Adelaide on Saturday. The club sends their best wishes to him.

They also wish Ricky Craig, one of Prahran's staunchest supporters for many years, a speedy recovery from a serious illness.

Prahran have one of the best metropolitan grounds. At Como Park there is an excellent playing surface, good dressing rooms, floodlights and also a reserve ground.

The Prahran Council is to be congratulated in keeping these grounds in such good condition.

Makedonia are at home to Dandenong (7th) and Croatia (2nd on percentage to Macedonia) should beat Sunshine City, who are second bottom without points.

Sandringham, near E.S.T., challengers to the top pair, play at Wembley Park against Box Hill. They need a victory to stay within reach of the leaders.

Former State League team Richmond, third last with one win, and Bayswater, last with no wins, meet at Richmond's ground. I predict Bayswater will open their account with a draw against Richmond.

In other games, Oakleigh should account for Moreland and Austria should defeat Coburg.

### SECOND DIVISION

Collingwood, undefeated, should beat Park Rangers, with only one win and loss. Other likely winners: Moreland, University, Ferntree Gully, Liberties and Prahran.

### THIRD DIVISION

Likely winners: Frankston, Sunshine Heights, Essendon, Springvale, Ringwood.

### FOURTH DIVISION

Likely winners: Waverley, Glenroy, Hercules, Helvetia, Albion Rovers, Chelsea.

### CLUB NOTES

Syndal firm J. Methven Pty Ltd have given a cup to Waverley Soccer Club for competition.

Yarraville's inside right, Dave Patterson, 25, an amateur player from Scotland, is their best signing this year, and has played well in all four games.

Ollie Hoefer, at centre forward, has also played well.

I tip Bayswater will improve and test all sides in the not-too-distant future.

★

Unluckiest man at Box Hill is centre forward Jimmy Lindsay, 24. Two weeks ago police called him off the ground against Austria, and told him his baby son was seriously ill in the Royal Children's Hospital. Jim changed quickly and raced into the hospital, but on the way was stopped by more police and booked for dangerous driving.

His son is now in a fair condition.

## Pegasus slide down to 6th

From FRANK McVER

Latrobe Valley leaders Pegasus went down to rivals Rangers and lost the top berth they have held for the last two seasons. They slipped down to sixth place.

## OAKLEIGH IN FORM

OAKLEIGH 3, BOX HILL 0

Trying to strengthen their side for the future, Box Hill included first division Soccer's youngest player, 15-year-old inside left Jimmy McMinnem.

Oakleigh won convincingly, but Box Hill supporters were not disappointed. Oakleigh scored in the 15th minute and twice in the 75th minute.

Best for Box Hill: Roodehouse, Rae; McMinnem.

### CROATIA 5, BAYS-WATER 0

Bayswater did not field their strongest team against Croatia due to internal disciplinary reasons. They were beaten by a better and stronger Croatia, who had star in brilliant 19-year-old inside forward Bill Vojtek. He scored four out of his side's five goals.

Bayswater best: W. Stell, D. Patterson.

### AUSTRIA v MORELAND

Austria had an easy win. Their star, Klaus Goekler, who had a cartilage operation last season and missed many games, was best on the ground. Horst Zielinski, former George Cross player, scored two goals for Austria.

### SUNSHINE CITY 2, CROATIA 3

Frankston under-12 juniors are not worried about having to play under-14's this season.

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Yarraville overwhelmed bottom team Newborough to take league honors on goal average from Fortuna, who took full points from the fast young Moe United team, after a game full of excitement.

G. Kamphouse was Fortuna's best, Laninberg, their Metro recruit, was disappointing. Star of the game was Moe's keeper, Regulski—"Spud" to his mates, in only three games as a goalkeeper he can be marked down as a future star.

Falcons followed up their draw against Yarraville with a decisive victory away against Monash, who, with a three-goal lead, conceded two penalties and fell away badly to lose 5-3.

Saturday's games will be exciting as the top four teams, with three points each, will clash.

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## OVER-AGE—FINED £10

North of the Yarra Junior Soccer Federation have decided that any club found guilty of fielding over-age players will be automatically fined £10.

Any points gained will also be deducted.

This move follows complaints of clubs fielding over-age players in the summer competitions.

**UNDER-20**  
All teams byes to next round.  
**CUP RULES**

(If matches are drawn at full time, an extra 15 minutes each way extra time shall be played. If the game is then still drawn, the match will be replayed on later date.)

### Junior Results

Last Saturday's north of the Yarra results were:

**UNDER-12**  
North Sunshine Heights 2, Sunshine City 1; Sunshine Heights 0, Sunshine City 2; Olympia 3, North Sunshine 2; Olympia 2, Reservoir 1; Tullamarine 0, West Newport 7; J.U.S.T. 1, Carlton 0; Colunwood 4, Brunswick 1; Lions Broadmeadows 1, Essendon 2; Ardeer 1, United 1.

**UNDER-14**  
Ardeer 7, Sunshine Heights 0; Ajax 0, East St. Albans 2; Sunshine City 1, Lions Sunshine 2; Olympia 3, North Sunshine 2; Reservoir 1; Carlton 1; Tullamarine 0, West Newport 7; J.U.S.T. 2, Williamstown 1; Williamstown "A" 0, Croatia 0; Glenroy 4, Altona North 3; Brookvale 3.

**UNDER-16**  
Essendon 0, Sunshine City 0; Sunshine City 1, Lions Sunshine 2; Olympia 2, Ardeer 1; Reservoir 1, Carlton 0; Essendon 1, Sunshine City 0; Olympia 0, Ajax 2; Sunshine City 1, Reservoir 1; Moreland 2, J.U.S.T. 1; Georges Cross 2, Coburg United 4; Glenroy United 1, Juventus 4.

**UNDER-18**  
Yarraville 0, Polson 0; Lions Sunshine 0, West Newport 0; Polson 0, Ardeer 1; Alexander 0, Collingwood 1; Reservoir 0, Polson 1; Tullamarine 0; Niddrie 0, Polson 1; George Cross 0, Juventus 4; Glenroy 2; Bye 0, Lions Broadmeadows 1.

**FIFTY UP**

Britain's highest goal scorer, inside forward Alan McGraw, has just chalked up his 50th for the season.

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# How long must this star wait?

Australian Federation regarding the clearance of former Aston Villa captain, Peter Aldis.

Peter, who arrived here last month with a reputation of being one of the best left backs in the business, has stood on the sidelines each week WATCHING his team-mates play.

"I came here to kick a ball, not watch other players do it. If I'd wanted to be a spectator I could have stayed in

England," Peter said this week.

"I feel I have been brought to Australia under false pretences," he said.

Last Friday Slavia received a cable from Hinkley, Peter's last English club, saying he had been cleared. It read:

"Peter Aldis cleared by Hinkley through English Football Association — Clifford."

Mr Clifford is the chairman of directors of Hinkley.

When Mr Oliphant showed the cable to Australian Federation secretary Bob Clark he was told it could not be accepted. Confirmation

would have to come from England in writing.

"This is too stupid for words," an irate Mr Oliphant told me yesterday.

"Here we are 12,000 miles away with a player who is being paid every week and we can't even use him."

"This is something that the Australian body should take up with FIFA when they meet in Tokyo this year."

"We are living in an atomic age. We have planes that fly without pilots these days, and because of an outdated rule in Soccer we are deprived of the services of this player."

The FIFA rule on

clearances says that a player has to be cleared by his association. But should the association ignore a request, after a lapse of 90 days the player is free.



John Oliphant, Slavia team manager — FIFA must keep up with the Atomic Age.

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